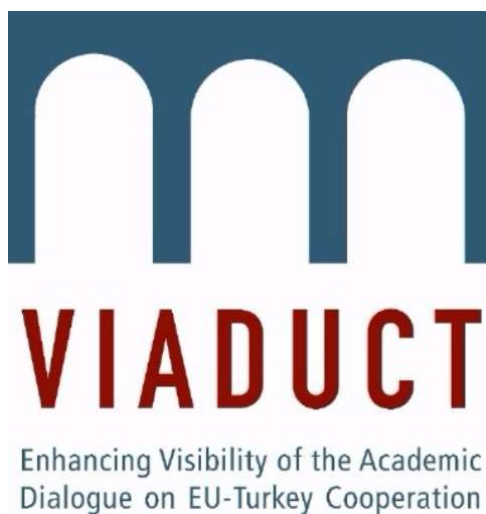




Dear VIADUCT Friends,

We are happy to share with you a brand new VIADUCT Newsletter.

In this **April 2019 Newsletter** you will find:

The **EDITORIAL** by Prof. Johannes Pollak and Prof. Elina Brutschin (Webster University Vienna)

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EDITORIAL

It's complicated: EU-Turkey energy future

the accession talks with Turkey has brought more political tensions in the already strained partnership between Turkey and the European Union (EU). The Turkish Foreign Ministry's spokesman deemed the resolution as "unacceptable", asking for "necessary corrections".

At the same time, the EU and Turkey concluded the third High Level Economic Dialogue on 28 February 2019, with the involvement of the Turkish Finance and Treasury Minister, the EU Commission Vice President and the Head of the EU Delegation in Turkey. The EU remains one of the most important trade partners for Turkey, being the main export destination and the main source of foreign direct investment (FDI). During this meeting, the Head of the Foreign Economic Relations Board in Turkey highlighted the need to improve the EU-Turkey Customs Union agreement and warned that lack of progress in this regards "negatively effects the EU's perception as a credible partner for Turkey".

For the EU, Turkey plays an important economic role by positioning itself as a key energy player within the Southern Corridor route, especially through the Trans Anatolian Natural Gas Pipeline Project (TANAP), dubbed as the Silk Road of Energy. TANAP's initial gas transmission to Turkey started in June 2018, and it is expected that the infrastructure work for the Greek border will be finished in the upcoming months. The work on the Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP), which should connect the TANAP to Southern Italy through Greece, Albania and the Adriatic Sea is also in the final stages of its construction. The establishment of such an infrastructure links the EU's and Turkey's economic interests and promises to have positive spillovers into other sectors.

Around 40 % of gas is imported from the Russian Federation, 38 % originates in Norway (2017). The decreasing domestic production (see the Dutch field of Groningen) puts Russia and the Southern Corridor in the spotlight. Especially the new gas pipeline NordStream 2 contributed to political tensions between the EU and the United States and also within the EU. The background for those tensions is based on a nearly perfect storm brewing: presidential (31 March 2019) and parliamentary (27 October 2019) elections in the Ukraine, European Parliament (EP) elections in the EU (23-26 May 2019), the inauguration of a new Commission and a new EP after the elections, and the expiration of the long term contract (LTC) for gas transfer through the Ukraine, all to happen in 2019. The likelihood of a conclusion of a new LTC before those elections is small. The Southern Corridor is not up to compensate for the looming shortfall of natural gas at the end of 2019. It is expected that in the next years between 5-8bcm will come from this corridor that brings TANAP piped gas and gas from the Black Sea to the distribution hubs in Europe. Despite its potential, the Southern Corridor will play a relatively small role in the energy strategy of the EU.

Moreover, energy can also be a source of future tensions between the EU and Turkey. ExxonMobil recently reported natural gas discoveries offshore Cyprus. In this regard, Turkish representatives made it clear that natural resources in the eastern Mediterranean and the Aegean are considered to be "a strategic goal and national issue". While it might foster economic co-operation between the Greek and the Turkish side, the ongoing disputes regarding maritime jurisdiction might fuel the frozen conflict between the Greek and Turkish side of the island and through this the future of the EU Turkish relationship.



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



VIADUCT Guest Lecture by Prof. Julie Smith, 16 May 2019, Vilnius

Prof. Julie Smith (Cambridge University) will give a Guest Lecture titled "On the edge of Europe - What lessons does Turkey provide for Brexit Britain?". The lecture will be held on 10 April 2019 at Vilnius University.

This event is part of the VIADUCT Guest Lectures series. If you are willing to contribute to the Guest Lectures by giving a lecture or hosting it, please, contact Ieva Koreivaite (Vilnius University) at ieva.koreivaite@tspmi.vu.lt.

PAST ACTIVITIES

VIADUCT Guest Lecture by Prof. Frank Schimmelfennig, 22 March 2019, Istanbul



Prof. Frank Schimmelfennig (ETH Zurich) gave a Guest Lecture on "Is differentiated integration the future of Europe?" on 22 March 2019 at Koç University (Istanbul, Turkey).

VIADUCT Second Annual Conference, 20-21 March 2019, Istanbul



In the framework of the second **VIADUCT Week**, VIADUCT's second Annual Conference was organised in Istanbul by Sabancı University.

The conference featured a round table on EU-Turkey relations, a keynote speech by Christian Berger (Head of the EU Delegation to Turkey) and an informal policy debate with Julian Vassallo (EEAS). In addition, VIADUCT researchers split in working groups to reflect on VIADUCT's cross sectoral issues: power, resources, people, and teaching EU-Turkey

FIIA event: 12th annual FIIA Days - Transforming the political landscape of the EU in 2019, 4 March 2019, Helsinki



The conference discussed the European elections of 2019 as a test case for the mainstream European parties and their legitimacy, and explored how the European and national elections of 2019

will affect the European party field and political dynamics within the EU institutions. It featured a keynote speech by Kare Halonen (State Secretary, EU Affairs, Prime Minister's Office), and comments by Miguel Poiarés Maduro (European University Institute), Agata Gostynska-Jakubowska (Centre for European Reform), and Nicolai von Ondarza (German Institute for International and Security Affairs).

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ELIAMEP event: FEUTURE Policy Challenge Session, 21 February 2019, Athens

VIADUCT PhD School, 18-19 March 2019, Istanbul



The VIADUCT PhD school, organised by Prof Meltem Muftuler-Bac (Sabanci University) and Prof Frank Schimmelfennig (ETH Zurich), took place at Sabanci University on 18 and 19 March 2019 in the framework of the second VIADUCT Week. During the PhD school, some PhD students from all over Europe had the chance to discuss the topic and progress of their thesis with renowned academics from the VIADUCT network. A detailed report will be available soon on the [VIADUCT website](#).

FIIA seminar: Refugees and Migrants: European Politics, Policies and Practices, 12 March 2019, Helsinki



This seminar discussed the present state of play of European migration and refugee debate, its broader global context, and possible ways for Finland to contribute to informed policy-making with a particular emphasis on development policies and practices. It featured a keynote speech by Roger Zetter (Emeritus Professor, Oxford University) and interventions by Anna Knoll (European Center for Development Policy Management), Chukwu-Emeka Chikezie (Up!-Africa Ltd), and Renne Klinge (Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland).

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METU event: FEUTURE Young Leaders Conference - Future of Turkey and Europe Relations: Scenarios and Possibilities, 14-15 February 2019, Ankara

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MAPPING DYNAMICS AND TESTING SCENARIOS

On 14-15 February 2019, METU hosted a FEUTURE Young Leaders Conference to foster further intellectual debate and exchange of ideas among the younger generation of researchers, opinion leaders, representatives of civil society, bureaucracy and business circles. The conference included a public event, which brought together a wide-ranging scope of participants including bureaucrats, civil society representatives and academic circles, and four round tables gathering young researchers and academics dealing with different aspects of the future of the EU-Turkey relationship.

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FEUTURE project, the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) organized a Policy Challenge panel discussion on: EU-Turkey Relations: What Policy Challenges? Security and Energy on Thursday 21 February 2019 at the Representation of the European Commission in Greece.

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FIIA event: The Future of Rule of Law in the EU, 6 February 2019, Helsinki



This seminar addressed how EU policies and mechanisms can best protect the rule of law, what are the main tools the EU should employ and expand to tackle the breaches against its values and how effective they can be. Among the panelists were Christophe Hillion (Universities of Leiden and Oslo), Paul d'Auchamp (Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights), Heidi Kaila (Prime Minister's Office), and Heather Grabbe (Open Society European Policy Institute).

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network, including.

- "Differentiated integration between Turkey and the EU as regards gender policies", WDEGP Jean Monnet Module Panel, Istanbul, 20 December 2018
- "Which way forward? Scenarios for EU-Turkey Relations", CETEUS Annual Conference, Cologne, 13-14 December 2018
- "Between Brussels and London: The UK's Turkey Policy after Brexit", Heinrich Boell Foundation, Berlin, 4 December 2018.
- **Wolfgang Wessels (CETEUS)** gave a talk on **"Narratives of Europe, Narratives for Europe"** at the University of Cologne on 2 April 2019
- **Ebru Turhan (Turkish-German University)** gave an interview to Deutsche Welle (in Turkish) on **"Strategic Partnership or Full Membership?"**, 22 November 2018

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OTHER NEWS

Publication: **FEUTURE Synthesis Paper: "The Future of EU-Turkey Relations: A Dynamic Association Framework amidst Conflictual Cooperation"**

Watch the **FEUTURE Video: "The Future of EU-Turkey Relations: Mapping Dynamics and Testing Scenarios"**

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